

Q2 automatically establishing a first connection through a network from a first one of the primary storage elements, which serves as primary storage for a CPU of a host computer coupled thereto, to the secondary storage element to transfer a first logical object to the secondary storage element; and

transferring the first logical object from the first one of the primary storage elements directly to the secondary storage element over the first connection.

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Please add claims 26-28 as follows:

26. (New) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the switched network is coupled to the plurality of primary storage devices and to the secondary storage device to permit one of the primary storage devices to access the secondary storage device through the switched network without involving the host domain.

Q3 27. (New) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the secondary storage device is configured to receive the backup data from at least one of the primary storage devices without involving one or more of the host computers.

28. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of transferring the first logical object includes transferring the first logical object from the first one of the primary storage elements directly to the secondary storage element without involving the host computer.

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